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1. a. Train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets on seven boxcars, [redacted] and six AT guns of 76.2 mm caliber with muzzle brake.

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- b. Train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets on six cars, [redacted] and nine guns of 76.2 mm caliber with muzzle brake.

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2. a. Train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets on five cars. [redacted]

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- b. Train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets on seven boxcars, [redacted] and three 150-mm guns.

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3. a. Train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets on 11 boxcars, [redacted] three tanks and six 76.2-mm guns.

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- b. Train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets on 23 boxcars, [redacted] six tanks and three antitank guns.

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4. a. Train, carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets on 17 boxcars [redacted]

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b. Train, carrying troops with black-bordered red epaulets on 21 boxcars, [redacted] and six heavy antitank guns.

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c. Train, carrying troops with black-bordered red epaulets on 25 boxcars, [redacted]

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5. a. Train, carrying troops with black-bordered red epaulets on 19 boxcars, a field kitchen, [redacted]

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b. Train, carrying troops with black-bordered red epaulets on 13 boxcars, [redacted] and three 76.2-mm guns.

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c. Train, carrying troops with black-bordered red epaulets on 17 boxcars, [redacted] and six 76.2-mm guns.

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6. Train, carrying troops with black-bordered red epaulets on eight boxcars, [redacted] 12 tanks and six 150-mm guns.

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7. Train, carrying troops with black-bordered red epaulets on 11 boxcars, [redacted] and ten tanks.

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Comment:

The observed 14 trains are believed to have carried troop units which, at an increased rate, left the mentioned troop training grounds for their military posts. Available reports say that the 1949 summer maneuvers in these areas were to end in October 1949.

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